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SUMB: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING TO THE CONGRESS

REF: A) STATE 46674,B) STATE 38407, C) ADDIS ABABA 1320

1. GIVEN FACT THAT WE HAVE PUBLICLY STATED REASON FOR
TERMINATION MAP FOR EPMG IN FY 78 AS CONCERN FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS, WE FEAR U.S. PRESS WILL ALMOST SURELY SEIZE UPON
REPORT ON ETHIOPIA AND PUBLICIZE IT AS RATIONALE FOR MAP
DECISION. GIVEN CONCERN EXPRESSED TO ME TODAY BY MOFA
OFFICIAL ABOUT OFFICIAL STATEMENTS, WAY MAP DECISION WAS
HANDLED, PRESS HANDLING OF ETHIOPIA (REFTEL C), AND
INTENTIONS OF USG FOR FUTURE, FRESH AND ADVERSE PUBLICITY
JUST AT THIS TIME IS LIKELY GOING TO BE BADLY RECEIVED.

2. GIVEN PRESENT CLIMATE HERE, I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED NOT
TO PASS REPORT TO EPMG. BUT IF REPORT IS LIKELY TO HIT
PRESS, I THINK IT BETTER TO AT LEAST AVOID REPETITION OF
CHARGE OF VIRTUAL EX POST FACTO NOTIFICATION OF WHAT
IS COMING AND GO AHEAD AND DO IT EVEN THOUGH EPMG ISN'T
GOING TO LIKE IT. EPMG HAS EXPLAINED ITS STANCE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS TO US, HAS ASKED FOR OUR UNDERSTANDING,
AND HAS NOT INQUIRED ABOUT WHAT WE SPECIFICALLY HAD IN
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MIND RE HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE MAP DECISION (ADDIS 1133).

3. IF PUBLICITY INEVITABLE, I WOULD HOPE AS MINIMUM
THAT TESTIMONY REFERRING TO ETHIOPIAN CAN BE DOWNPLAYED,
IF THERE ANY POSSIBILITY AT ALL OF ENLISTING
CONGRESSIONAL HELP ALONG SAME LINES, IT WOULD BE
WELCOME.

4. IF WE ARE GOING TO MAKE REPORT AVAILABLE TO EPMG IN
TIMELY WAY, WE WILL NEED TO DO IT MORNING MARCH 5
ASSUMING MARCH 7 HEARING STILL HOLDS. IF DEPT HAS ANY
REASON THINK THAT REPORT WILL NOT SURFACE PUBLICLY OR
ANY OTHER THOUGHTS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL HERE, I WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW BY OPENING OF BUSINESS TOMORROW MORNING.
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